









MANY AGRICULTURAL  
CONFERENCE WILL  
BE HELD SOON.

If the farmers of Alberta can raise a crop from the land they already have ready for cultivation, which will bring them in more money than they could obtain from other land, it would seem like very good business to learn just what to sow for this spring.

Forty-four agricultural conferences will be held in various parts of Alberta this month and next, this winter will be taken up. The first meeting will be held in Calgary on Wednesday, March 3, and at it practical farm and stock experts will have exactly this information to impart. Carefully prepared bulletins will be issued to summarize the deficiency in certain products. The products which will be reduced and for which there will be special demand during the war, are so far as possible what the lands of Alberta should cultivate, and the amount of great assistance to the alder will obtain extra effort the producers will reap the financial benefit.

Donald Anderson, Ottawa, and E. S. Hutton, Lacerte, will be present to give the information concerning what will be done at the Calgary meeting. The Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern towns east and northeast of here will be visited by Galvin B. R. and A. G. Smith, two prominent men in a meeting at the Red Deer on April 1.

Others will be in attendance, and will start their series at Edmonton on March 10. The gentlemen mentioned above will deal with what to produce and how to produce it, while prominent westerners will attend every conference and deliver an address on the patriotic duty of westerners to do what they can to produce an increase—Altarum.

The conference will be held in Wetaskiwin on Monday, March 15.

ECONOMICAL MACHINES.

Has it impressed itself on your mind, as a practical man, selling farm crops in the form of milk through the medium of cows manufacturing apparatus, that some of these animals, machinery and equipment are not available? A new machine, running more economically may save a manufacturer his cost several times over in a very short while. So if your cows were regarded in this light, some might be found to be very economical buyers, and possibly the less said about the capacity of others the better.

Some cow testing figures given to the Dairy Division, Ottawa, by dairy farmers prove that same herds of

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L. W. SCOTT,  
Secretary,  
Gwynne, Alberta.  
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Has For Sale—two black Percherons on Stallions, rising three years old; one Darby and one Dales. These stallions are exceptionally good, and will be sold at a very reasonable price and easy terms. A few pure bred mares and fillies will be priced right—one black Suffolk mare rising four; two or three teams of geldings, two black and one white. Horses will rise two. Some Oxford and Shropshire range; 400 or 500 ewes bred to Oxford bucks. For full particulars and prices write or phone Geo. F. Root, Water Glen, Alberta, Phone 1618, Ponoka.

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cow produce milk at a fed cost of \$1.45 per 100 pounds, while those by other herds whose average feed cost of production is only 45c. per hundred pounds of milk. Again, between two herds, the cost of feeding a pound of butterfat is frequently found to vary as much as from twenty-three to forty-five cents.

What is of importance to the average dairymen is this fact, that cow testing helps to put each cow in its place. The dairyman's main mark in the first year of its existence, and last week did a business in hogs in excess of \$20,000, or at the rate of \$85,000 a month. It is the most profitable branch of the co-operative movement, and organized farmers of the province.

"The high price of feed is a temptation to the farmers to put their breeding stock on the market," said this official. "I am urging my friends to hold to their breeding stock, because I have a definite plan to help them, and next fall will break all records. Just as soon as the European market opens up the demand will go far excess of the supply, and the farmer who is in shape to carry over his breeding stock so that will have power for sale will make a profit that will justify him for his trouble."

Dows each one of your cows fed that? It will pay you to find out.

CAR SANDS OF ALBERTA

The existence of deposits of bituminous sands in the McMurray district of Northern Alberta has been known for many years. The value of the transportation facilities has, however, prevented the utilization and even the prospecting of these deposits.

Anticipating the building of the Alberta and Great Northern railway, a major examination of the deposits was undertaken by the Dominion Mines branch in 1913 and continued in 1914. Meanwhile, the construction of the railway, which will open up the area, has rendered these deposits available, and a large quantity of the oil sand is expected in 1916.

The investigation revealed the fact that the tonnage of bituminous sands in the McMurray area is very large, and, although much of the material is of little value, in some cases the overburden is so heavy that mining by open-cut is impracticable. It is found that some twenty per cent of the material, representing many millions of tons, may be considered as of commercial value.

Investigation has been carried on for a number of years in the construction of various classes of paving materials in the United States. The extent to which the material has been used appears to have been largely determined by the freight rates, which are high. The paving material is not yet in great demand in this country, and he said it was the present time to come from the Santa Cruz quarries and is in many respects similar to California for paving purposes. The Alberta material, however, is not yet in great demand. It is believed that, with proper manipulation, such as heating, and the addition of hardening flux, the penetration of the bitumen can be reduced to mix the materials for the successful employment in the paving of pavements, substitution of the imported asphalt.

In view of the fact that the tons contained in the tar sands of Alberta is softer than the bitumen of California material, arrangements have been made by the Mines branch to have the material sent to the city of Edmonton, the city government having agreed to construct the concrete foundation. Upon arrival the material will be assembled for transportation to Edmonton, and it is expected that the paving will be laid next summer.

The city commissioner states that: "If this work is successfully carried out, it will be of greater value to the city of Edmonton and Alberta generally than the bringing in of half a dozen industries." At the present time we are absolutely lacking for the lack of good road material, whereby the farmers may haul their produce to the city on their own roads. The solution of this problem will be worth millions of dollars."

At present, all asphaltic pavings used in Canada are imported from foreign countries. In 1913-14 the value of these imports was \$10,000,000, and the consumption is rapidly increasing. The value of a cheap and satisfactory paving material in western Canada would be very great.

The bituminous material may also be used in the manufacture of asphaltic concrete, which may be extracted either by sulphide of carbon, the lighter tar, or distilled, or by the use of hot water and steam. Among the many uses to which this extracted bitumen may be applied may be mentioned: roofing for many classes of

buildings—such as mills, hospitals, schools, skating rinks—for foundations which require to absorb vibration, for insulating electric apparatus, for lining tanks, pipes, etc., for cellars, reservoirs, etc., for insulation of pipes, and as a source of asphaltic oils.

Attempts in this direction have been made for the past twenty years in the United States, but, however, a plant which was established and an extracting plant is now in operation. The cause for the failures is not far to seek. In California extracted bitumen, at \$12.00 per ton, cannot compete with petroleum residues, at \$5.00 to \$8.00 per ton. Alberta bitumen, extracted at \$12.00 would compete with impeded refined asphalt, costing \$2.00 to \$4.00 per ton, delivered.

FARMERS HANDLING

THEIR OWN STOCK

The live stock department of the Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Co. of Alberta, which was established a little more than a year ago, will do a business this year in excess of \$1,000,000, according to an estimate of the manager. The demand for live stock was a tremendous loss of live stock through an unprecedented drought—a fact which the manager is anxious to show. Do you have any stronger argument than this that there is bound to be a market for live stock for beef? Add to this con-

PATRIOTISM and PRODUCTION

Pin Your Faith to Live Stock

The one outstanding feature of the world's farming is that there will soon be a great shortage of meat supplies. Save your breeding stock. They are today Canada's most valuable asset. If you sacrifice your breeding stock now, you will regret it in the future. Plan to increase your live stock. Buy live stock in the United States, as well as Canada, will pay higher prices for beef, mutton, and bacon, in the very near future. Remember that live stock is the only true basis of economic and profitable farming. The more grain you grow, the more stock you can carry. The more stock you keep, the more fertilizer for your fields. Mixed farming is real farming, not speculating.

Study this table, which was prepared before the war, only to compare with the present condition.

BEEF

dition, the destruction of live stock of all kinds, breeding young stock included, in the war zones. The war has merely hastened the meat shortage of the world. When it is over, the demand for live stock will continue to profit in the world's markets, and the soldiers will be in a position to reap a further reward for having stayed at home, the live stock industry.

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SHEEP.

Canadian farmers have been losing great opportunities in sheep feeding. Hundreds of thousands of sheep have been slaughtered to provide winter clothing for the soldiers of the different countries. Australia, through drought in 1914, were very heavy. Canada has been impeded from feeding sheep to New Zealand. In view of these conditions, wool and mutton should prove very profitable for Canadian farmers during the next few years.

SWINE.

Through the indications of swine in Canada in 1913, the supply in 1914 promises to be little more than half of 1914. Add to this the fact that each British soldier is allowed 1/4 lb. of bacon per day, and that sausages is the principal meat food for the soldiers and you will understand the outlook for the future. Those who stay

steadily with swine, year in and year out, make money. Those who rush in now, following the lead of others, when others are buying, applies to live stock as well to Wall Street stocks.

DAIRY.

Milk cows in Canada in 1913 were 2,203,077 in 1901 to 2,594,179 in 1911. This increase did not amount to 8% but the production of the milk cow, Test your cows. Save your calves. Select your sires. Get a good yield. Read the Agricultural papers and Government reports and bulletins on dairying.

CONFERENCE

Now that you have attended the Conference, or have read about them, get together and talk things over. Also write to the Agricultural Branch, Canadian Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, for bulletins and reports on live stock and dairying.

Canadian Department of Agriculture,  
Ottawa, Canada

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tractor to young men of good ability and to obtain a good living. The problem of the farm laborer is one of perplexing one and in consequence of special interest at the present farm systems have been modified so as to increase the maximum yield of net revenue. Fortunately, farming during the last ten years has been largely outbid the farm, in the matter of labor, and it is probably true that at least one-third of city working men have had experience in farming. I would like to say to those men now that if the opportunities in the city, however bright during the past ten years, the next ten years in my judgment, assuredly, belong to the farm, and the sooner they realize this the better for them selves and all concerned.'

Mr. Adolf Rehume sold his interest in the Beehive Store in the month of February, to Mr. S. W. Stromsen, formerly Postmaster at Yule Meadow.

The remaining members of the old firm that was in force up to March 1st, and S. M. Stromsen, will henceforth continue to carry on the business under the style of THE BEEHIVE STORE, and as a new firm solicit the patronage of the various friends and customers of the old firm, and look for continuance of their goodwill.

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Tapioca, reg. 3 lbs, now 4 lbs 25c.

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We find that in this department we have several lines running in price from \$1.00 up to \$5.50, that we will clear out at cost, thereby saving you 20 to 35 per cent.
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DRY GOODS, ETC.

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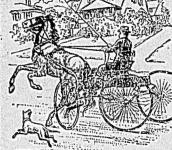
### HOSTAGES TO FORTUNE—

#### WHAT DO WE OWE THEM?

In every community there are hostages to fortune for whom the state must make some special provision. Death, sickness, poverty, incapacity of parents, desertion and ill-use are bound to strike. The state must be prepared to meet the demands of the destitute and delinquent. In the treatment of these society is vitally interested. Charles Dickens in Bleak House, describing the conditions of childhood in the slums of London says: "There is not a atom of Tom's slime, not a hair of Tom's pale, peaty, leaden hair, which he has not, and deserves, or degradation about him, not an ignorance, not a wickedness, not a brutality of his committing, shall work its retribution all through every order of society up to the proudest of the proud, and the highest of the high. For their own sakes, worth as well as their influence on the community life, the state dare not blot this interest in its helpless wards.

To what, then, are such children entitled, what are their rights? The children of the nation are the most precious of the national assets. The life of the country consists not in the abundance of the child, but in the quality of the child, even when the flag flies, but in the man and woman who are the nation itself. There is a common heritage which it is a common duty to protect; which is the instinct of self-preservation as well as the sense of justice. The character of the nation's children, the character provide? It is now established, says Sir John Gorst, beyond controversy that under our law, children have a legal right to be maintained by others until they are of an age to earn their own living. Maintenance includes food, clothes, lodging, and care in sickness. This summary would seem to represent the irreducible minimum of the child's claim upon its country. To this, however, the modern world adds another, which is that the child must have suitable companionship. It must know family life, it must have the opportunity to love and to be loved. Those who are prone to reduce this consideration as merely sentimental may well remember the immortal words of Dr. George Eliot, of the illuminating moments in my own work," says he, "came to me on my first Christmas night at a children's home. I had gone into one of the houses to see how Christmas preparations were progressing. The young children were at play, and among them these children of misfortune misplace the pleasant disorders of a will managed family, the joyous scrummage which wins from the mother's lips that highest of all praise, that father is as happy as the children. I saw that a child could be satisfied only if he had better far come some of the things that can be weighed and measured out to him than to miss the merriment and freedom that make up the true child's life."

Another article in the irreducible minimum to which the unfortunate child is entitled is an education that will in itself be a preparation for life. Until recently the public cared little for anything but reading, writing and arithmetic. The school of yesterday had, for its motto, "The greatest good to the greatest number of students of ability." The school of tomorrow will emphasize those words on its walls. "We conserve the whole boy." It will emphasize boys more than books, and living more than letters. It will make for the boy, not for the girl, nor for those such as the world is as fresh air, wholesome food, adequate exercise and many work. It will make for the sanity of the mind, emphasizing alertness and reliability. It will direct its youths in the paths of industrial efficiency and world-wide usefulness. It will help the boy to choose a vocation and prepare him to succeed in it.



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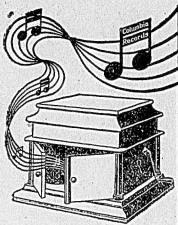
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## Town Topics

Joe Trea was a business visitor to Calgary during the past week.

John Blister made a trip to the Capital last week, continuing business with pleasure.

The farmers of this district have shipped several carloads of hay during the last few days to different points in Southern Alberta.

Several Wetaskiwinians were at Edmonton on Monday last. Some attended the session of parliament and heard H. J. Montgomery, the member for the constituency, deliver his maiden speech when he moved the address from the throne. Others attended the championship hockey match between Lacombe and the Hustlers.

The majority of the entire constituency is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Doig, in the loss of their only child on Monday last at the age of four years five months and sixteen days, from pneumonia. The funeral takes place from the family residence this Thursday afternoon, interment being in the Wetaskiwin cemetery.

The Educational Club will hold their regular meeting on Saturday evening, and will be addressed by Rev. Dr. Hyde, principal of Rothesay College on "Higher Criticism." The meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church, as it is expected that the kindergarten room will be unable to accommodate all the people who would like to attend.

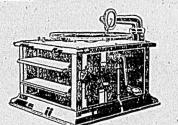
"Reasons for Prohibition" was the subject under discussion at the meeting of the W.O.T.U. on Tuesday evening. The subject was also presented by Miss F. J. Thompson, secretary of the W.O.T.U. A heavy vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Boyer, and the members of the orchestra for the enjoyable music rendered at the Nellie McClung lecture on Feb. 16.

At the meeting of the Hospital Aid Society, held in the council chamber on Tuesday afternoon the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, resulting as follows: Pres. Mrs. F. E. Kelley; second vice pres., Mrs. H. W. Wright; secretary, Mrs. Dr. Stevenson; treasurer, Mrs. T. C. Rubbra; executive, Madames Enman, Miller, Robertson, Knox and Crosby.

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E. R. Jenkins was at Ponoka on Monday evening acting as adjudicator for a musical contest held there.

Tommy Belsham left on Monday morning for Calgary to accept a position with the Palmer Dairy Co.

The weather for several days has been quite spring like. The sun has been warm during the day, and considerable snow has melted. Sleighing near the city is not good, but we are informed that in the rural districts it is still splendid.

The ladies of the Methodist church intend holding a sale of home-made cakes and candies Saturday evening, Saturday, March 13. There will be children's rompers and aprons of all kinds for sale. A dainty tea-room in honor of St. Patrick will also prove inviting.

The famous Musical Exponents will give one of their excellent concerts in Angus Theatre on Tuesday evening, next week, March 9. This company claims to be the premier musical organization in America in music, song and story. They have added fifty new Swiss bells to their former large collection, making the largest set of hand bells ever used by one company. The regular program of moving pictures will be shown. "Plan at French & Thomas."

The Wetaskiwin Dramatic Society presented the thrilling drama "The Gypsy's Revenge" at the Angus Theatre on Tuesday evening. A large crowd was in attendance, and as the actors were all Wetaskiwin people they were heartily applauded by their many friends. The scenery on stage was well arranged and the plot was well exemplified. Moving pictures were shown on the same platform. The proceeds will be handed to the Wetaskiwin Times to be disbursed for charitable or patriotic purposes.

Pat Dye, who recently resigned as night constable for the city, has taken the livery barn on Lorne Street from W. H. Eggleton, and took possession on Monday. Although Pat is a very efficient city constable, he much prefers the livery stable business and he can not resist the temptation to get back at his former vocation. He intends purchasing several new turnouts, and hopes in the near future to be in a position to satisfactorily meet the requirements of the most fastidious customers.

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Plums

Green Gage and Lombard Plums, SATURDAY, 3 for

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## Plain Olives

Reg. 35¢, SATURDAY, 25¢

Reg. 20¢, SATURDAY, 2 for 25¢

## Canned Salmon

Reg. 20¢, SATURDAY, 2 for 25¢

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Soda Biscuits

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